

**MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS
VICTORIA, OCTOBER 1989**

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

BUILDING

Building Activity, Australia (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

RETAIL TRADE

Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics (8511.0)

PRODUCTION

Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2) (\$7.50)

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

BANKS

Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria (1303.2) (\$7.50)

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

OVERSEAS TRADE

Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables (5432.0) (\$7.50)

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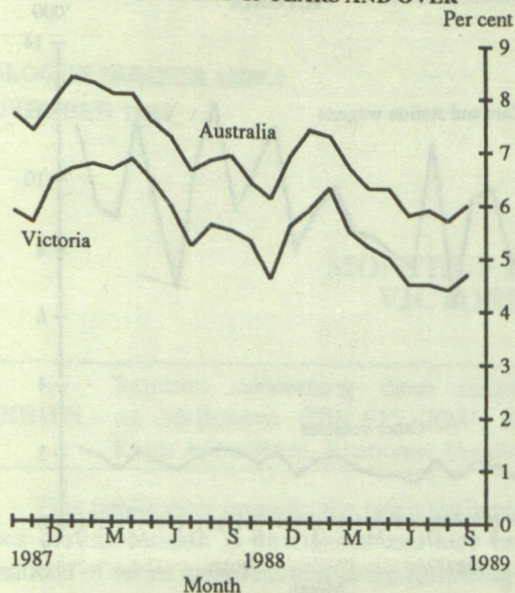
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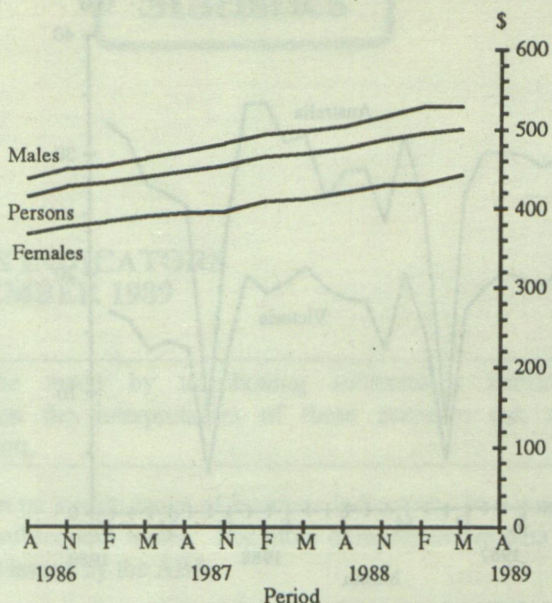
| Indicator | | | Latest period | Latest figure | Figures for preceding three periods | | | Figure one year ago | Change over year per cent | Latest Aust. figure | Change over year Aust. per cent |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | One period | Two periods | Three periods | | | | |
| LABOUR FORCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employed persons | - full-time | '000 | Sep 89 | 1,643.8 | 1,625.1 | 1,630.5 | 1,621.4 | 1,586.5 | 3.6 | 6,181.1 | 3.3 |
| | - total | '000 | Sep 89 | 2,085.9 | 2,049.8 | 2,055.0 | 2,051.0 | 1,981.8 | 5.3 | 7,854.4 | 4.7 |
| Unemployed persons looking for work | - full-time | '000 | Sep 89 | 73.2 | 67.2 | 68.2 | 69.8 | 86.7 | -15.6 | 382.5 | -12.8 |
| | - total | '000 | Sep 89 | 104.0 | 93.6 | 96.3 | 96.0 | 114.6 | -9.2 | 501.3 | -9.6 |
| Labour force | | '000 | Sep 89 | 2,189.9 | 2,143.4 | 2,151.3 | 2,147.0 | 2,096.5 | 4.5 | 8,355.7 | 3.7 |
| Participation rate | | per cent | Sep 89 | 64.6 | 63.3 | 63.6 | 63.6 | 62.9 | 2.7 | 63.8 | 1.6 |
| Unemployment rate | | per cent | Sep 89 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.5 | -14.5 | 6.0 | -13.0 |
| Job vacancies | | '000 | Aug qr 89 | 19.3 | 24.1 | 21.2 | 19.5 | 18.1 | 7.1 | 64.3 | -12.1 |
| Overtime worked per employee | | hours | Aug qr 89 | 1.60 | 1.57 | 1.52 | 1.56 | 1.45 | 10.4 | 1.48 | 10.7 |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - | | \$ | May qr 89 | 500.40 | 494.90 | 487.00 | 475.90 | 469.30 | 6.6 | 501.10 | 7.8 |
| Males | | \$ | May qr 89 | 529.50 | 528.40 | 516.60 | 504.40 | 498.30 | 6.2 | 530.40 | 7.9 |
| Females | | \$ | May qr 89 | 443.00 | 430.80 | 429.20 | 420.10 | 412.20 | 7.5 | 440.80 | 7.7 |
| All employees total earnings | | \$ | May qr 89 | 442.20 | 435.10 | 429.60 | 417.00 | 414.90 | 6.6 | 442.20 | 7.3 |
| Males | | \$ | May qr 89 | 517.00 | 512.20 | 503.30 | 486.30 | 483.50 | 6.9 | 519.10 | 7.8 |
| Females | | \$ | May qr 89 | 341.90 | 336.50 | 333.40 | 324.60 | 322.70 | 6.0 | 339.00 | 7.2 |
| CONSUMER PRICES (a) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food | | index | Jun qr 89 | 190.8 | 183.9 | 182.3 | 179.5 | 174.0 | 9.7 | 186.2 | 9.3 |
| Clothing | | index | Jun qr 89 | 181.1 | 177.3 | 177.5 | 171.2 | 170.3 | 6.3 | 180.8 | 6.3 |
| Housing | | index | Jun qr 89 | 218.9 | 207.3 | 204.5 | 193.7 | 189.1 | 15.8 | 208.1 | 15.1 |
| Household equipment & operation | | index | Jun qr 89 | 185.0 | 182.3 | 181.1 | 178.6 | 176.8 | 4.6 | 185.0 | 5.1 |
| Transportation | | index | Jun qr 89 | 189.0 | 184.5 | 181.3 | 181.1 | 180.8 | 4.5 | 198.2 | 5.3 |
| Tobacco & alcohol | | index | Jun qr 89 | 209.8 | 204.8 | 201.9 | 201.9 | 199.1 | 5.4 | 214.6 | 5.7 |
| Health & personal care | | index | Jun qr 89 | 205.0 | 203.7 | 192.6 | 192.6 | 190.8 | 7.4 | 192.1 | 7.2 |
| Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100) | | index | Jun qr 89 | 167.9 | 165.4 | 163.7 | 161.1 | 160.4 | 4.7 | 165.0 | 5.2 |
| All groups | | index | Jun qr 89 | 193.8 | 188.7 | 186.2 | 183.0 | 180.4 | 7.4 | 192.6 | 7.6 |
| TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (excl. motor vehicles, etc) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | \$m | Aug 89 | 1,659.7 | 1,624.5 | 1,657.5 | 1,680.3 | 1,565.9 | 6.0 | 6,559.2 | 11.6 |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clay bricks | | million | Jun 89 | 37.5 | 45.0 | 36.4 | 33.1 | 37.4 | 0.3 | 180 | 4.0 |
| Ready mixed concrete | | '000 cu.m | Jun 89 | 365 | 434 | 394 | 370 | 318 | 14.8 | 1,464 | 6.9 |
| Plastics & synthetic resins (b) | | tonnes | Jun 89 | 38,017 | 39,182 | 35,805 | 32,924 | 42,805 | -11.2 | 58,849 | -7.4 |
| Textile floor coverings | | '000 sq.m | Jun 89 | 3,299 | 3,312 | 2,886 | 3,004 | 3,401 | -3.0 | 3,914 | -3.0 |
| Cars & station wagons | | '000 | Jun 89 | 16.8 | 16.1 | 13.5 | 14.2 | 17.6 | -4.5 | 32.6 | 15.2 |
| Yarns - Cotton | | tonnes | Jun 89 | 787 | 990 | 888 | 951 | 837 | -6.0 | 1,837 | 3.6 |
| - Wool | | tonnes | Jun 89 | 1,459 | 1,342 | 1,216 | 1,284 | 1,488 | -1.9 | 1,845 | -11.3 |
| Woven fabric - Cotton | | '000 sq.m | Jun 89 | 1,837 | 1,989 | 1,694 | 1,421 | 1,505 | 22.1 | 3,342 | -1.7 |
| - Woollen (incl worsted wool) | | '000 sq.m | Jun 89 | 502 | 471 | 420 | 514 | 501 | 0.2 | 827 | 0.0 |
| - Man-made fibres | | '000 sq.m | Jun 89 | 7,537 | 7,626 | 6,113 | 7,092 | 6,826 | 10.4 | 18,471 | 14.9 |
| Electricity | | million kWh | Jun 89 | 3,445 | 3,043 | 3,064 | 3,279 | 2,809 | 22.6 | 13,259 | 9.5 |
| OVERSEAS TRADE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Imports | | \$m | Aug 89 | 1,674.4 | 1,380.5 | 1,407.0 | 1,560.4 | 1,352.4 | 23.8 | 5,049.1 | 32.0 |
| Exports (excl. re-exports) | | \$m | Jul 89 | 824.1 | 736.2 | 771.4 | 748.1 | 712.8 | 15.6 | 3,825.1 | 24.8 |
| BUILDING | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Approvals - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New houses | | No. | Aug 89 | 2,855 | 2,604 | 3,014 | 3,821 | 3,309 | -13.7 | 9,532 | -29.1 |
| New other residential building | | No. | Aug 89 | 169 | 156 | 571 | 295 | 314 | -46.2 | 3,806 | -15.0 |
| Value of all building | | \$m | Aug 89 | 491.8 | 488.1 | 577.7 | 714.4 | 488.7 | 0.6 | 2,280.5 | -1.4 |
| Commencements - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New houses | | No. | Jun qr 89 | 9,560 | 8,190 | 9,190 | 8,310 | 7,330 | 30.4 | 32,620 | 11.9 |
| Value of new houses | | \$m | Jun qr 89 | 831.9 | 664.8 | 760.0 | 652.0 | 557.0 | 49.4 | 2,704.8 | 33.6 |
| New other residential buildings | | No. | Jun qr 89 | 646 | 767 | 782 | 1,263 | 1,034 | -37.5 | 10,536 | 16.8 |
| Value of new other residential buildings | | \$m | Jun qr 89 | 47.0 | 45.6 | 41.7 | 69.5 | 54.4 | -13.6 | 750.2 | 34.6 |
| Value of non-residential building | | \$m | Jun qr 89 | 1,211.7 | 1,067.9 | 961.2 | 709.2 | 1,053.8 | 15.0 | 4,430.1 | 44.2 |
| Value of all building | | \$m | Jun qr 89 | 2,242.3 | 1,915.3 | 1,889.4 | 1,545.1 | 1,773.4 | 26.4 | 8,372.7 | 39.2 |
| Work done in period | | \$m | Jun qr 89 | 2,081.7 | 1,742.2 | 1,808.0 | 1,618.9 | 1,464.7 | 42.1 | 7,622.2 | 36.8 |
| PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| House building (1985-86=100) | | index | Jul 89 | 130.1 | 130.1 | 130.2 | 129.6 | 120.8 | 7.7 | 131.8 | 9.4 |
| Other than house building (1979-80=100) | | index | Jul 89 | 221.6 | 219.4 | 219.1 | 217.2 | 202.9 | 9.2 | 224.2 | 8.3 |
| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cars & station wagons | | No. | Jun 89 | 13,761 | 11,197 | 10,474 | 13,877 | 10,890 | 26.4 | 54,104 | 16.5 |
| Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles) | | No. | Jun 89 | 11,559 | 9,216 | 8,903 | 11,810 | 9,061 | 27.6 | 41,799 | 13.6 |
| Motor cycles | | No. | Jun 89 | 2,202 | 1,981 | 1,571 | 2,067 | 1,829 | 20.4 | 12,305 | 27.5 |
| | | No. | Jun 89 | 457 | 357 | 299 | 586 | 246 | 85.5 | 1,576 | 11.5 |
| BANKS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period | | \$m | May 89 | 25,088 | 24,251 | 23,840 | 23,727 | 21,643 | 15.9 | 70,169 | 16.7 |
| Major trading - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current deposits | | \$m | May 89 | 6,243 | 6,217 | 6,440 | 6,629 | 5,658 | 10.3 | 19,648 | 4.6 |
| Fixed deposits | | \$m | May 89 | 11,435 | 11,308 | 10,393 | 9,665 | 7,279 | 57.1 | 39,903 | 41.3 |
| Advances | | \$m | May 89 | 16,313 | 15,941 | 15,326 | 14,933 | 14,745 | 10.6 | 54,861 | 15.7 |
| Debits to customers' accounts (d) | | \$m | May 89 | 36,821 | 35,428 | 31,778 | 34,378 | 36,420 | 1.1 | 196,205 | 12.7 |
| HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secured commitments to individuals - | | \$m | Jul 89 | 393.6 | 435.0 | 632.1 | 473.8 | 515.2 | -23.6 | 1,274.1 | -34.6 |
| Savings banks | | \$m | Jul 89 | 284.9 | 308.6 | 484.0 | 363.6 | 374.2 | -23.9 | 863.3 | -33.7 |
| Trading banks | | \$m | Jul 89 | 49.1 | 32.1 | 55.4 | 39.4 | 43.5 | 12.9 | 169.0 | -19.2 |
| Permanent building societies | | \$m | Jul 89 | 21.1 | 40.2 | 41.7 | 38.1 | 70.1 | -70.0 | 112.0 | -68.3 |
| Other lenders | | \$m | Jul 89 | 38.5 | 54.1 | 50.9 | 32.7 | 27.2 | 41.5 | 129.8 | 55.6 |
| ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | | \$m | Mar qr 89 | 1,819 | 1,963 | 1,523 | 1,787 | 1,429 | 27.3 | 6,336 | 18.0 |
| Finance | | \$m | Mar qr 89 | 699 | 717 | 547 | 787 | 592 | 18.1 | 1,799 | 8.3 |
| New building and structures | | \$m | Mar qr 89 | 583 | 545 | 502 | 488 | 427 | 36.5 | 1,799 | 34.8 |
| Other new capital equipment | | \$m | Mar qr 89 | 564 | 620 | 518 | 556 | 405 | 39.3 | 2,269 | 24.1 |
| | | \$m | Mar qr 89 | 1,256 | 1,343 | 1,006 | 1,231 | 1,024 | 22.7 | 4,067 | 14.8 |

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

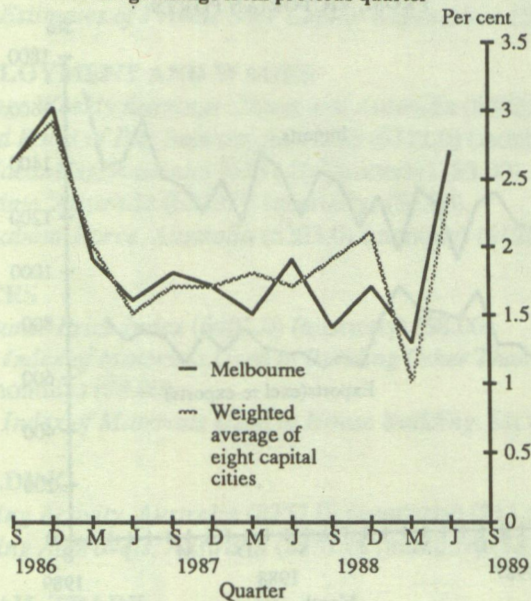
**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN
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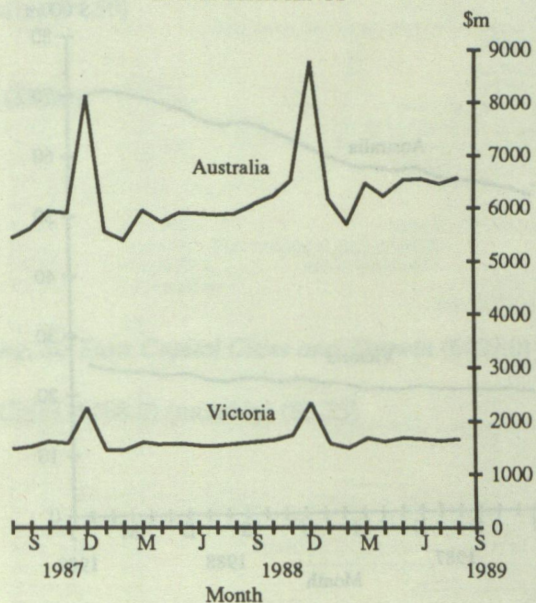
**FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY
ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA**



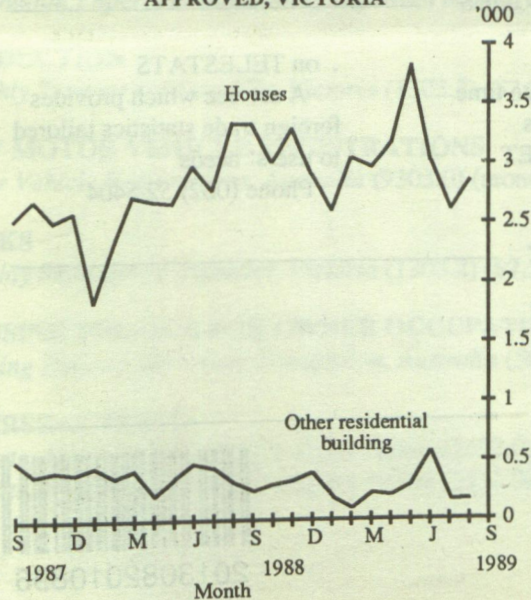
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS
Percentage change from previous quarter



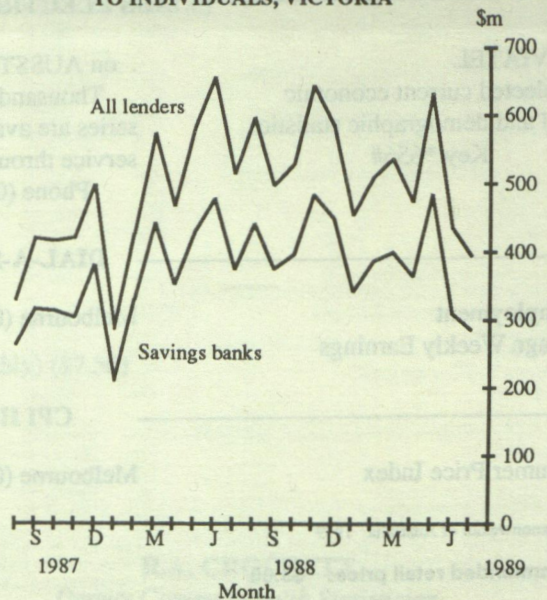
**TURNOVER OF RETAIL
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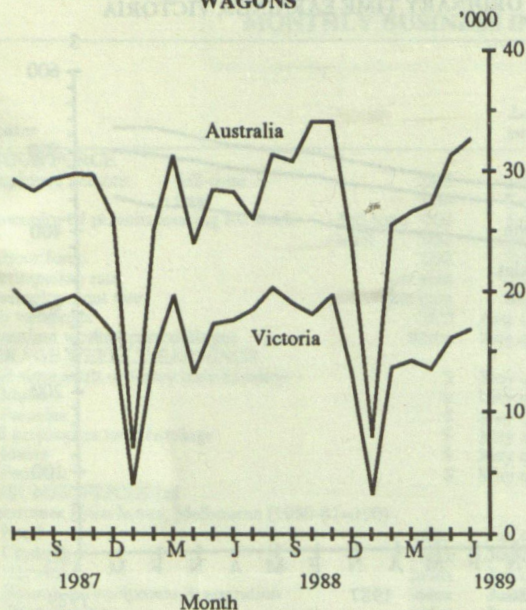
**NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS
APPROVED, VICTORIA**



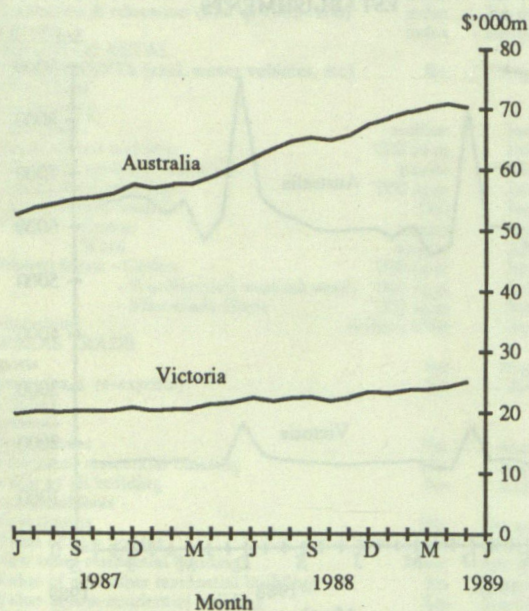
**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS
TO INDIVIDUALS, VICTORIA**



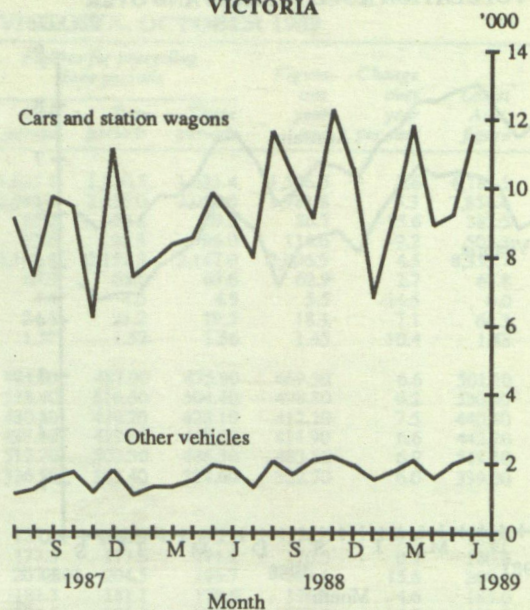
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



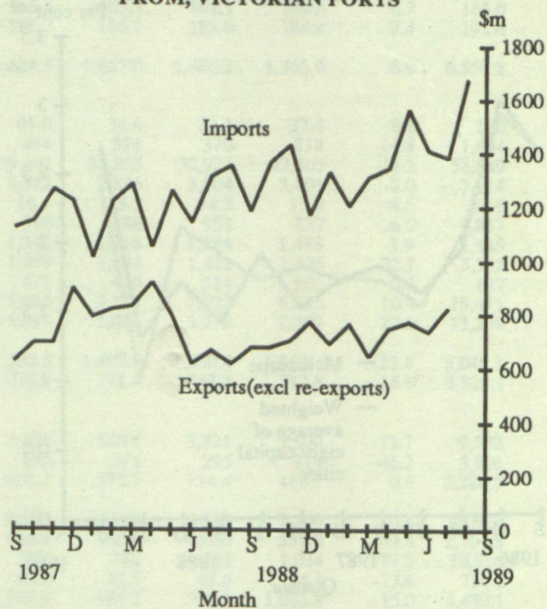
SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, VICTORIA



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



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